

HOUSE BILL 3314  
By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 21, Part 2, relative to the release of convicts and the notice that must be given upon such release.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-21-224, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) Whenever any convict is released by reason of pardon, parole or the expiration of such convict's term of imprisonment from the penitentiary, or place of confinement if other than a department of correction operated institution, the warden thereof shall immediately give written notice of such release to the sheriff of the county and the chief of police of the municipality to which the convict will return and of the county of conviction and to the district attorney general of the judicial district to which the convict will return and of the county of conviction. The convict shall advise the warden of the address where he will reside upon release by street number, county, city, state and zip code and failure to comply or give false information is a Class A misdemeanor. Upon release, the convict shall physically report to a board of parole office in the county to which the convict will return within seventy-two (72) hours to receive a listing of area service providers to address the convict's needs and to confirm the current address by street number, county, city, state and zip code. Failure of the convict to report and

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provide the convict's address to a board of paroles office within seventy-two (72) hours is a Class A misdemeanor.

(b) The notice from the warden shall clearly state:

(1) The name of the released convict;

(2) The address of the released convict by street number, county, city, state and zip code;

(3) The offense for which the convict was convicted;

(4) The date of the conviction;

(5) The date and reason for the convict's release;

(6) The date of expiration of the convict's parole; and

(7) When conviction is based on a morals charge, the notice shall state the nature of the charge.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.